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TAGS: OVIP (GLIGOROV, KIRO)

SUBJECT: GLIGOROV VISIT

REF: BELGRADE 0005

1. YUGOSLAV POLITICAL COUNSELOR MATIC CALLED AT DEPARTMENT
LAST WEEK TO PROVIDE A FEW ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON GLIGOROV'S
PLANS.

2. ON SCHEDULING, MATIC SAID GLIGOROV WOULD ARRIVE BY
SPECIAL PLANE ON JANUARY 29, ONE DAY EARLIER THAN PREVIOUSLY
PLANNED, STAY THREE DAYS IN WASHINGTON AND A TOTAL OF 8 OR
9 DAYS IN THE US NOT INCLUDING DATES OF ARRIVAL AND DEPART-
URE. HE AGREED TO VISIT ATLANTA, GRAND CANYON, WEST COAST
(PROBABLY SAN FRANCISCO), AND CHICAGO BEFORE RETURNING
BRIEFLY TO WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR DEPARTURE. MATIC ALSO
SUGGESTED A HALF-DAY STOP-OVER IN NEW ORLEANS IN ORDER TO
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SEE THE CITY AND MEET WITH AMERICANS OF YUGOSLAV ORIGIN.

3. MATIC SAID GLIGOROV'S WIFE WOULD PROBABLY ACCOMPANY HIM
BUT HE DID NOT YET KNOW HOW MANY OTHERS WOULD BE COMING.

4. ON SUBSTANCE, MATIC STRONGLY UNDERLINED BELOVSKI'S
COMMENT TO THE AMBASSADOR ON THE NECESSITY OF A CALL ON THE

PRESIDENT, SAYING IN EFFECT, "NO CALL, NO VISIT". HE FELT THAT A SHORT POSTPONEMENT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE IF IT WOULD HELP IN ARRANGING THE PRESIDENTIAL CALL.

5. DEPARTMENT HAS CONVEYED THESE POINTS TO PETER ABBRUZZESE OF THE HIRC STAFF, WHO HAS PROMISED FURTHER EFFORTS TO ARRANGE THE CALL. VANCE

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